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Weekly Views

Correctional Medical Services has announced that the Westville Correctional Facility has been named as Facility of the Year! Superintendent Levenhagen praised the relationship between CMS and the WCC staff, stating the professional relationship is the best he's seen in all his years of service. Such an achievement would not be possible without the teamwork between contractual and correctional departments.

Branchville's PLUS program donated \$1000 to the Perry County Child Welfare Department to help sponsor a trip to a local theme park. Approximately 30 kids will enjoy a trip to Holiday World they would not be able to take without the PLUS sponsorship.

The Indiana State Prison assisted the Kankakee Valley Pop Warner Football Program with power washing 130 helmets for the up-coming season. Pop Warner is a youth football program where kids compete with kids of similar age and size.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a graduation ceremony for 9 students who completed the PLUS program. The graduation was attended by students, staff, volunteers and family members. This is the sixth group to graduate from the program.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association held a breakout religious service at Pendleton Juvenile. 25 students participated in a morning service and were able to look at Harley motorcycles that were brought in to the facility by the volunteers that afternoon.

A graduation ceremony was conducted at the Pendleton Correctional Facility to honor the most recent graduates of the inside the walls G.E.D. Program. A second graduation event was also held to recognize Outside Dorm Security Level 1 G.E.D. and Vocational Horticulture graduates.

A special Wabash Valley PLUS quilt will showcase the IDOC booth at the upcoming Indiana Black Expo in Indianapolis in mid-July. The WVCF quilt will be viewed by over 350,000 people expected to attend the largest ethnic/cultural event in the United States. The quilt was presented to Parole and Re-Entry Services Director Liz Johnson by the PLUS offenders.

Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) held its second IDOC/U.S. Department of Labor graduation ceremony with 4 offenders completing the In2Work Apprenticeship Program and 27 offenders completing the Housekeeping Apprenticeship Program. Staff, family and personnel from USDOL were on hand for the ceremony. The event was highlighted by the MCF choir singing "Impossible Dream" with the new MCF Band.

This Sunday, IREF will kick off its week-long Tent Revival. Among the guests speaking on Sunday are Reverend William Bumphus of the Jesus Inside Prison Ministry and George Whirley from Unchained Ministries.

The Correctional Industrial Facility in partnership with Ball State University held its 6th annual graduation with 38 men awarded Associates Degrees and 44 men awarded Bachelors of General Studies. Family and friends attended the celebration.

The offender organization, American Legion Post 130 at the Indiana State Prison was featured on Channel 16, WNDU for their contribution to the community with their food sales. The American Legion holds food sales throughout the year and donates all of the proceeds to help others.

Rockville Correctional Facility held a graduation for 28 offenders who recently completed the CLIFF/WHAT substance abuse programs at the facility. Governor Daniels and Commissioner Buss attended the ceremony to congratulate the women.

New Castle Correctional Facility was honored to have staff from Lt. Governor Becky Skillman's Office, Special Assistant Tyler Stock and Senior Policy Director Jamie Mc Nichols, along with Commissioner Buss and Chief of Staff Dan Ronay visit and tour the facility.

Pendleton Juvenile took two students to Gleaners Food Bank to participate in making boxes filled with a variety of items for individuals that are homeless. The boxes will be distributed at several parks in Marion County.